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EVATT'S CONVERSATION WITH THORNTON ON THE  
PROSPECTIVE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW AUSTRALIAN  
MINISTER TO THE SOVIET UNION.

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To VICTOR. To 8th Department.

"CLAUDE [KLOD]" reported that EVATT called in THORNTON [TORNTON] (member of the local "FRATERNAL [BRATSKAYA]" [,] leader of the Ironworkers' Union[a]) for a talk. EVATT asked THORNTON his opinion on the person whom he was expecting could be appointed as the new Australian Minister to the Soviet Union. T.[1], as CLAUDE recounted, did not answer E. at once and promised to think [about it][b].

Then T. the other day saw

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also regarding the appointment in the capacity of Minister to the U.S.S.R. of a doctor from the town of KATUMBA, an active member of the Labour Party, but T. did not express

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his opinion on the given candidates, [and] [b] [C% confined] himself to the statements [C% reported] above.

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T.N.: [a] RUKOVODITEL' PROFSOYUZA ZHELEZODELATEL'NOJ  
PROMYSHLENNOSTI.

[b] Inserted by translator.

Comment: [i] I.e. THORNTON.

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